Testimony to the Honolulu City Council Bill No. & Title: Bill 53 (2013) Open Data

Date, Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Place: City Hall, City Council Chamber

To: Council Chair Ernest Martin, Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson and Members of the City Council

Subject: Support for Bill 53 (2013) CD1

I am President and CEO of Hyperspective Studios, Inc. a Hawaii-based digital media production company.

Hyperspective Studios supports Bill 53 (2013) CD1, Relating to Open Data. This Bill is key to building a government that is open, transparent and poised for the 21st century. In addition to open data being a key element in open government and transparency, it is a fundamental building block for open innovation in a collaborative, citizen-facing environment. Websites like Data.gov, Data.Hawaii.Gov and Data.Honolulu.Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Todd J. Robertson